

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit herewith an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and completed PTO-1449 form in connection with the parent application. This IDS lists several references cited in the parent case. The Applicants remind the Examiner that copies of the references cited in the parent case are not necessary since the present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to the parent case. See 37 C.R.F. § 1.98(d).

SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Applicants submit herewith six sheets of formal drawings under a letter to the Official Draftsperson for the above-styled application. Applicants respectfully request that the informal drawings be substituted with these formal drawings. Consideration and approval of the drawings are respectfully requested.

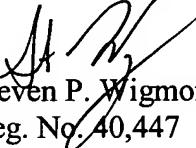
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to indicate that the present application is a divisional application of pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/576,475 filed on May 23, 2000. Applicants have added Claims 28-33 which correspond to Claims 33-38 that were cancelled in the parent application. Claims 1-33 are now pending in the present application. The independent claims are Claims 1, 12, 16, 25, and 28.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-styled continuation patent application, as amended, is in condition for examination and requests such action. If any issues remain that may be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 404.572.2884.

Respectfully submitted,


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